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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Santiago **Wins** (Uruguay)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions".

2. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 November 2001, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/56/101) concerning the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that would occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of six of its members on 31 December 2001.

3. The Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/5) containing the names of seven persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

4. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that, in a note verbale dated 31 October 2001 addressed to the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of Asian States for the month of October 2001, which had been transmitted to the Office of the Secretary-General in a note verbale of the same date, the Permanent Representative of Indonesia had conveyed his Government's decision to withdraw the candidature of Soemadi D. M. Brotodiningrat.

5. Also at its 22nd meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Michiel W. H. Crom

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(Netherlands), Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica), Rajat Saha (India), Sun Minqin (China), Juichi Takahara (Japan) and Nicholas A. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002 (see para. 6).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002:

Mr. Michiel W. H. Crom (Netherlands)
Ms. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica)
Mr. Rajat Saha (India)
Ms. Sun Minqin (China)
Mr. Juichi Takahara (Japan)
Mr. Nicholas A. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)